

“A time to build”
Nehemiah 1

“Can a woman forget her nursing child, and have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you. Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before Me.” Isaiah 49:15, 16

What was the first step to building?

1. Nehemiah is concerned about the challenge.

Why pray?

1. It shows I’m depending on God.
2. It lightens my load
3. It releases God’s power
2. Nehemiah expresses his conviction of God’s character
3. Nehemiah confesses his sin
4. Nehemiah is confident in God’s promises
5. Nehemiah made a commitment to get involved

Four marks of Nehemiah’s prayer:

1. It’s a prayer of conviction
2. It’s a prayer of confession
3. It’s a prayer of confidence
4. It’s a prayer of commitment

“Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves, when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little, when we arrive safely because we have sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the waters of life; having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity; and in our efforts to build a new Earth, we have allowed our vision of the new heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery; where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes; and to push into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love."